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Devries, David A 83

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BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

DATE 10/10/83FULL NAME DAVID A DEURIES

(No initials if you can possibly get full name)

ADDRESS 9991 S BITTERSWEETCITY GRANT STATE MICHIGAN ZIP CODE 49321DATE OF BIRTH 5/1/50 (This is important and should be exact)APPROXIMATE AGE 33 (To be used ONLY when date of birth is not known)RELIGION ? NATIONALITY U.S. CITIZENOCCUPATION MILITARY DISABILITYEDUCATION ?WEIGHT 275 HEIGHT 6' RACE CAUC.COLOR OF HAIR DARK BROWN COLOR OF EYES BROWN

OUTSTANDING CHARACTERISTICS OR INTERESTS \_\_\_\_\_

MARRIED OR SINGLE SINGLE CHILDREN -0-

(Number, ages, and names, if possible)

WIFE'S NAME -0-

SCOUTING CONNECTIONS: \_\_\_\_\_

UNIT #	CITY	STATE	OFFICE	DATE REGISTERED	DATE RESIGNED
TROOP 316	CASNOVA	MI	SM	11/30/83	10/21/83

SPECIAL RECOGNITION \_\_\_\_\_

SUSPENDED  
BY PERSONAL  
DELIVERY OF  
LETTER

SUSPENDED OR DENIED REGISTRATION FOR FOLLOWING REASONS:

SECOND DEGREE SEXUAL MISCONDUCT INVOLVING A 13 YR  
OLD SCOUT. - ARRAIGNED IN DISTRICT COURT. TRIAL DATE 11/83

SPECIFY THE FACTS WHICH LEAD YOU TO RECOMMEND DENIAL OF REGISTRATION  
AND LIST ATTACH SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS (STATE ONLY KNOWN FACTS, NOT RUMOR, CONJECTURE  
OR SPECULATION):

NOTED

AUG 30 '84

JOSEPH L. ANGLIM

Signed

Richard J. Miller

SCOUT EXECUTIVE

10/24/83

F. STARRON

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August 31, 1984

Mr. Richard F. Miller  
Scout Executive  
West Michigan Shores Council, No. 266

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: David A. Devries

Dear Dick:

Thank you for the detailed information concerning the above Scouter. We have reviewed this case with our Attorney and have now placed this man permanently on the Confidential File.

Sincerely,

Paul I. Ernst, Director  
Registration, Subscription &  
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cc: East Central Region

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SEP 5 1984  
ERIN O'RILEY

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PAUL ERNST  
NATIONAL Council  
Boy Scouts of America

DEAR PAUL

ENCLOSED ARE COPIES OF MATERIALS -  
SENT to you earlier on:

① DAVID DEVRIES

② ERNEST BLOVER

This should cover information NEEDED

Don Nelson

Council 266  
1935 Monroe, N.W./Grand Rapids, Mich. 49505 Phone 616/363-3828



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June 7, 1984

Mr. Richard F. Miller  
Scout Executive  
West Michigan Shores Council, No. 266

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: David A. Devries

Dear Richard:

In February, we had correspondence concerning the above named individual. At that time you indicated that the trial would take place in late March.

We would like to know whether legal action was completed and if so, the sentencing that took place.

This information will help to strengthen our refusal of registration at a later date.

Sincerely,

Paul I. Ernst, Director  
Registration, Subscription &  
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cc: East Central Region

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JUN 3 1984  
ERIN O'RILEY

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# EXPLORING DIVISION

WEST MICHIGAN SHORES COUNCIL B. S. A.

1935 MONROE, N.W. • GRAND RAPIDS, MICH. 49505 - 6295

PHONE: (616) 363-3828

TO: Nelson

DATE: 4.25.84

TIME: 11:25 am

Barb Crozier CALLED  
Prosecutors

PLEASE RETURN CALL

TELEPHONE #

WILL CALL BACK

MESSAGE Dave Delves

pleaded guilty as charged.

She suggests that we

take action to get

rid of him from the

Boy Scouts

CALL TAKEN BY K C



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C.R. PRESS 4-25-84

## Scout Chief Pleads Guilty to Sex Count

A Casnovia-Kent City scoutmaster whose case jurors could not decide during a March trial in Kent County Circuit Court has pleaded guilty to having sexual contact with one of his former Boy Scouts.

David DeVries, 33, of Grant, had been involved in scouting 18 years before charges of second-degree criminal sexual conduct were made against him.

He pleaded guilty Monday, the day set for a re-trial before Judge

Robert Benson.

Responding to questions from Benson, DeVries admitted he had some sexual contact with the 11-year-old for the purposes of sexual gratification.

During the trial that ended in a hung jury, DeVries on one occasion grew angry at the kinds of questions asked by the assistant prosecutor. "You are getting at something sexual and it wasn't," DeVries said, declaiming his inno-

cence.

The incident, which the boy testified occurred in the shower after he took a swimming test, "never really occurred," argued DeVries lawyer, Gaylor Cardinal.

DeVries testified there was a misunderstanding about what happened while he was showing the boy tourniquet pressure points.

But Assistant Prosecutor Barbara Crozier told jurors they "should believe the boy."

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August, 1984

## Jury Deadlocks in Case Of Kent City Scoutmaster

By Cheryl Johnson

A Casnovia-Kent City scoutmaster accused of having sexual contact with a Boy Scout continued on bond Thursday after a Kent County Circuit Court jury reported it was deadlocked on charges against him.

David DeVries, 33, of Grant, was on trial for second-degree criminal sexual conduct. After an afternoon of deliberation, the jurors reported the deadlock to Judge Robert Benson, who said another trial will be scheduled.

DeVries had been involved with scouting for 18 years when accused last October of fondling an 11-year-old who had just completed the test for a merit badge in swimming. The incident allegedly occurred when DeVries and the boy were showering.

"You should believe the boy," the jurors were told by Barbara Crozier, an assistant prosecutor. No pre-adolescent boy would endure the "extreme embarrassment" of telling such a story to 12 strangers and a woman prosecutor if it were not true, she said.

But Gaylor Cardinal, DeVries' lawyer, argued, "The events as alleged never really occurred" and

cited "conflicting testimony."

The boy said that during the shower, DeVries had pointed out four areas of the body — under each armpit and on each side of the groin — that could be used as pressure points before applying a tourniquet.

DeVries testified that the boy was intent on finding out about the pressure points. "He asked me, and I showed him," said DeVries. Disagreeing with the direction Crozier's cross-examination was taking, he said, "You are getting at something sexual, and it wasn't."

Crozier asked him if he could tell her of any other situation in which a scoutmaster would demonstrate pressure points on a naked subject. "I don't remember," DeVries said.

DeVries also asserted that his earlier statement to Rockford policemen and a state trooper, in which he said he had washed the boy, was extracted through duress. Explaining that he had been interrogated in a room only 10 by 12 feet in size, DeVries said he suffers from claustrophobia and would say anything to stop being grilled under such conditions.



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May 2, 1984

Mr. Paul I. Ernst, Director  
Registration, Subscription and Statistical Service  
National Council  
Boy Scouts of America  
1325 Walnut Hill Lane  
Irving, TX 75062-1296

Dear Paul:

Enclosed are newspaper clippings and other photocopy information regarding confidential information for the following two Scouters.

1. David A. DeVries formally Scoutmaster of Troop 316 sponsored by the Casnovia VFW Post 3192 Casnovia, MI.
2. Also the information on a Scouter by the name of Ernest Glover, Committee Member of Pack 4151 Shelby, MI.

The information enclosed should be sufficient to place the two individuals in our confidential file.

Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,



Donald L. Nelson  
Assistant Scout Executive

DLN:vb

cc: Richard F. Miller  
Gary Lange  
John Kroupa

Enclosure

Council 266  
1935 Monroe, N.W./Grand Rapids, Mich. 49505/Phone 616/363-3828



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STATE OF MICHIGAN  
63N DISTRICT COURT  
CIRCUIT COURT

**INFORMATION**

FELONY

CASE NO.

DISTRICT CT.  
CIRCUIT CT.

33697

istrict Court ORI:

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN

V

DAVID ALLEN DEVRIES

OFFENSE INFORMATION-

Date

October 1, 1983

Police agency report no.

KCSD 2488183

City/Twp./Village and County in Michigan

4855 Ten Mile Rd NE

Rockford, Michigan

Victim or Complainant

DOB: 5/7/50

Defendant(s)

Charge CSC-2ND DEGREE & Supp -2  
Penalty: 15 Years; 22 1/2 yrs

Complainant witness

Lance Salvail

Witnesses

Lance Salvail-Rockford PD  
Bruce Partridge-KCSD

Chris Shelley -Wyom PD

Kent Co Cir Ct Clk

Earl Finkbeiner -GRPD

STATE OF MICHIGAN, COUNTY OF KENT

IN THE NAME OF THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN: The Prosecuting Attorney for this County appears before the court and informs the court that on the date and at the location above described, the Defendant(s):

DAVID ALLEN DEVRIES did engage in sexual contact with another person, to-wit: [REDACTED] DOB 8/28/72, said person being under thirteen years of age, contrary to MCLA 750.520c(1)(a); MSA 28.788(3)(1)(a);

( and it appearing further that the said defendant was convicted of Attempted Larceny in a Building on December 6, 1979 in Kent County Circuit Court file No. 25324;

WHEREFORE, the said defendant is hereby charged as a second felony offender pursuant to the provisions of MCLA 769.10; MSA 28.1082 and MCLA 769.13; MSA 28.1085.

MAR 7 1984

and against the peace and dignity of the State of Michigan.

Prosecuting Attorney

By: [Signature]

OFFICE OF THE  
PROSECUTING ATTORNEY



DAVID H. SAWYER  
Prosecutor

Mr. Don Nelson  
Boy Scouts of America  
1935 Monroe Avenue, N.W.  
Grand Rapids, Michigan 49505


March 6, 1984

Re: David DeVries

Dear Mr. Nelson:

Enclosed is a copy of the Information, in the People's case against the above-named defendant, which you requested. If you have any need of additional information, please contact me.

Sincerely,

  
Barbara J. Crozier  
Assistant Prosecuting Attorney

BJC/ndk

Enclosure:

MAR 7 1984

416 HALL OF JUSTICE, GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN 49503  
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2/14/84

Paul Ernst  
Director Registration,  
Subscription and Statistical Service  
1325 Walnut Hill Lane, IRVING TEXAS - 75062  
Dear Paul-

In response to your letter dated  
2/6/84 re David A. Davies  
I called the County Attorney's  
office and found out the trial  
is postponed until late March, 84.  
We will keep you informed.  
Sincerely,

Richard F. Miller  
Scout Executive

C.C. R. Brinkmeier

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February 6, 1984

Mr. Richard F. Miller  
Scout Executive  
West Michigan Shores Council, No. 266

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: David A. Devries

Dear Richard:

This is a follow-up to our communication last fall concerning the above named individual. At that time, you indicated that the trial date had been set for November 1983.

If this trial has now been completed, we would like information on the outcome and sentencing so that we may strengthen our file for future refusal of registration.

Thank you for any information which you can provide.

Sincerely,

Paul I. Ernst, Director  
Registration, Subscription &  
Statistical Service

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cc: Robert C. Birkemeier, Regional Director, East Central Region

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FEB 06 1984

DAWN HARDELL

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OFFICE OF THE  
PROSECUTING ATTORNEY



DAVID H. SAWYER  
Prosecutor

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Mr. Don Nelson  
Asst. Scoutmaster  
West Michigan Shore Council  
1935 Monroe Avenue, N.W.  
Grand Rapids, MI 49505

October 21, 1983

Re: David Allen DeVries

Dear Sir:

This letter is to inform you that one of your scoutmasters, David Allen DeVries, has been arrested and bound over for trial on a charge of Second Degree Criminal Sexual Conduct. The charge arises out of an incident involving an eleven-year-old boy who is in Mr. DeVries' troop. The incident took place while Mr. DeVries had taken the boy on an outing in his official scouting capacity.

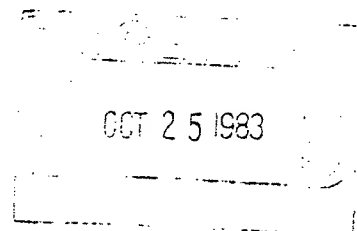
A preliminary examination was held in this matter on October 19, 1983, in the 63rd District Court, Rockford, Michigan. After hearing the child's testimony, the Court was satisfied that a crime had been committed and that there was probable cause to believe that Mr. DeVries committed it. Subsequently, the defendant, Mr. DeVries, was bound over for trial on this charge to the Kent County Circuit Court. It is anticipated that the trial will be held within the next six months.

I suggest that you take immediate and appropriate steps to insure the safety of the children in Mr. DeVries' troop. If you have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,

Barbara J. Crozier  
Assistant Prosecuting Attorney

BJC/ndk



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October 25, 1983

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B/0  
2-1-84

Paul I. Ernst  
National Council  
Boy Scouts of America  
1325 Walnut Hill Lane  
Irving, TX 75062-1296

Dear Paul:

The attached confidential record sheet is submitted (new) on David A. Devries of Grant, Michigan. Mr. Devries has been arraigned in District court and based on information called into this office by the prosecuting attorney he will be charged with second degree sexual misconduct in November, 1983.

Based on verbal information in hand the West Michigan Shores Council took official action on Friday, October 21, 1983 and hand delivered a suspension notice personally to Mr. Devries. The letter was delivered by ASE Don Nelson and volunteer Scouter Ken Munson accompanied by deputy County Sheriff Stan Nieboer.

I will forward any hard evidence if and when received.

Please place him on the confidential file now.

Sincerely,



Richard F. Miller  
Scout Executive

RFM:vb

Attachment

F. STARON

Council 266  
1935 Monroe, N.W./Grand Rapids, Mich. 49505/Phone 616/363-3828  
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PROSECUTING ATTORNEY



DAVID H. SAWYER  
Prosecutor

Mr. Don Nelson  
Asst. Scoutmaster  
West Michigan Shore Council  
1935 Monroe Avenue, N.W.  
Grand Rapids, MI 49505

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Barbara J. Crozier  
Assistant Prosecuting Attorney

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October 20, 1983

David A. Devries  
9991 Bittersweet  
Grant, Michigan 49327

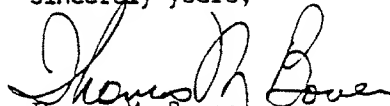
Dear David:

After careful review, we have decided that your registration with the Boy Scouts of America should be suspended. We are therefore compelled to request that you sever any relations that you may have with the Boy Scouts of America.

You should understand that Boy Scouts of America leadership registration is a privilege and is not automatically granted to everyone who applies. We reserve the right to suspend registration whenever there is a concern that an individual may not measure up to the high standards of leadership which the Boy Scouts of America seeks to provide for American youth. Please also understand that this decision and the reasons for it will be maintained as confidential.

If you wish to have this decision reviewed, please write to me, explaining your version of the facts supporting your claim that your registration as a Boy Scout of America leader should be granted or reinstated.

Sincerely yours,

  
Thomas M. Boven  
President

TMB:gml

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